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REPORT IMPROVED PRODUCTION

SHAN-JUNG IRONWORKS IMPROVES -- Tsingtao Jih-pao, 13 Oct 50

TIENTSIN STEEL PLANT RAISES OUTPUT -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 18 Oct 50

FU-SHUN STEEL MILL PUSHES PRODUCTION -- Mukden, Tung-pei Jin-pao, 23 Oct 50

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The safety record has also been improved at the plant. The workers' output at the forge was rated at 97 percent while the other shops maintained an average of 93-95 percent.

TSINAN PLANT SUCCESSFULLY REFINES STEEL -- Tsinan, Ta-chung Jih-pao, 29 Oct 50

The Tsinan Bureau of Industry has succeeded in its attempts to refine steel, at the bureau's Plant No 2. Formerly, the necessity of purchasing steel from other places had kept production costs high at Plants 1, 2, and 4 of the bureau, and sometimes had impeded production. In March 1950, the bureau purchased a one-ton blast furnace; but technical limitations and the lack of working space made it impossible to operate the furnace at that time.

In August, engineers and technicians were called in from Shanghai to handle the problem. Initial experiments, on 26 October, yielded a product which met the qualifications completely in the specified time. The plants are now collecting scrap steel, enlarging plant space, and preparing for large-scale refining, to supply their own needs and those of other plants as well.

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